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Council Priorities

1. Community development of resources

Development of more resources in the community.

2. Behavior interventions/programs for CHINS

Behavior intervention needed.

3. Substance abuse prevention

Reduction of rate of substance abuse in county.

Issues

Issues are the primary concerns or problems facing children in the county

Early Care Education

Children (0 – 5) are provided opportunities to fully develop emotionally, socially, physically, and cognitively and are ready to succeed.

Every parent in Chambers County will be knowledgeable of and involved in early care

Action Steps

- 1) Promote health fair and other resources such as Kid One, All Kids, etc.
- 2) Distribute written resources to parents concerning issues such as child development, behavior management, and creative parenting strategies.

Economic Security

Children grow up in a financially stable home where the child's basic needs can be met.

Parents need educational and work skills preparation to compete in the workforce to provide for families

Action Steps

- 1) Increase public awareness of existing resources.
- 2) Motivate parents and children to pursue academic success.

Public transportation will be accessible to meet the needs of families

Action Steps

- 1) Evaluate existing resources.
- 2) Explore resources for public transportation.
- 3) Conduct survey to determine extent of need.

Education

Children learn the skills necessary to become productive citizens.

Greater awareness of community resources available in schools

Action Steps

- 1) Resource book for teachers.
- 2) Improve Communication between community agencies and schools.

Enhance concrete services/resources available to Early Warning Court process

Action Steps

- 1) Develop brochure explaining the Early Warning Court process.
- 2) Supply list of resources for parents at Early Warning Court.

Health

Children's (0 - 19) physical and mental well-being in the county.

Educate students and the community about risks associated with teen tobacco use

Action Steps

- 1) Implement prevention programs in schools.
- 2) Educate community about risks of teen tobacco use.
- 3) Explore strategies to prevent teen access to tobacco.

Educate community on child health issues

Action Steps

- 1) Promote child health programs already existing in our county such as programs through the Cooperative Extension, health Department, and the Circle of Care Center for Families.
- 2) Advertise the health fair to parents and children.

Parent Involvement Skills

Parents and guardians participation and effectiveness in fostering an environment for children to become mature, responsible and independent adults.

Parental awareness and empowerment

Action Steps

- 1) Support other community agencies in promoting active parental participation.
- 2) Participate in the development of web-based and print resources which offer parenting information and links to training/education opportunities.
- 3) Promote community programs that encourage parent-child involvement and interaction.

Parent-child-school involvement

Action Steps

- 1) Support school-based programs that encourage students to discuss with parents issues taught at school.
- 2) Promote community-wide and school-sponsored programs and events that provide opportunities for parent participation in schools.
- 3) Participate in maintaining print and/or web-based resources containing link to schools and school functions.

Safety

Children live free of abuse, neglect, crime, and drugs.

Children in need of supervision

Action Steps

- 1) Create new resources.
- 2) Advertise resources.
- 3) Recruit volunteers for community based programs.

Juvenile substance abuse

Action Steps

- 1) Make referrals to drug rehabilitation agencies.
- 2) Develop more resources for juveniles.
- 3) Develop access to more testing tools.

Policy Recommendations

No Policy Recommendations submitted